

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 223

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A RESOLUTION to honor The Band Perry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those exemplary individuals who have contributed significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture, winning national and international acclaim for their endeavors in the field of music; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy musical group is The Band Perry, a trio of siblings with immense musical talent, who claim Greeneville, Tennessee as their hometown; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the group has skyrocketed to fame and in the process have brought great pride and honor to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the band's unique sound combines classic Country with an infusion of Rock and Soul; their self-titled debut album was released in October 2010 and one year later was certified Platinum; and

WHEREAS, since then, The Band Perry has enjoyed number one singles and multiple award nominations including, "Artist of the Year" and "Single of the Year" in the group categories at the 2012 American Music Awards, "Vocal Group of the Year" at the 2012 Country Music Awards, and "Best New Artist" at the 2012 Grammy Awards; and

WHEREAS, beyond their nominations, the group has been able to take home several awards including the 2011 Country Music Award for "New Artist of the Year" and "Song of the Year", among others; and

WHEREAS, The Band Perry will be releasing their new album, *PIONEER*, in April and plan to kick off the celebration by previewing music from the forthcoming album to their family, friends, and fans in their hometown of Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, band member, Neil Perry says that the group truly loves its hometown and wants to say “thank you” to those who have supported The Band Perry since its earliest years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a celebratory event, the Greeneville concert will also serve as a platform for the Outnumber Hunger initiative from General Mills, Big Machine Label Group, and Feeding America; and

WHEREAS, Neil, Reid, and Kimberly Perry have truly become ambassadors for the community of Greeneville and the entire state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, besides their numerous successes and accolades, beyond their celebrity and notoriety, the members of The Band Perry are charitable individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Band Perry epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; this State is proud of the musical talent that Neil, Reid, and Kimberly Perry have been able to share with the world; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud The Band Perry for its musical success and its dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and applaud the members of The Band Perry for their venerable career and their many gifts of music and song, which have entertained people all over the world, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.